

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A transmission type display device comprising:
a backlight source;
a display element[[,]] including a liquid crystal layer and ~~which is disposed in front of the backlight source and includes~~ at least one polarizer including a front polarizer;
a light diffusing element, which is disposed in front of the display element; and
a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the light diffusing element,
~~wherein the polarizer included in the display element faces the light diffusing element, and~~
wherein the light diffusing element is located between the front polarizer and the polarizing element all of which are located in front of the liquid crystal layer, and
wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing element is substantially aligned with
[[that]]an absorption axis of the front polarizer.

2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the display element comprises: a transmission type liquid crystal display panel; and ~~panel, which includes a liquid crystal layer and a pair of transparent substrates that sandwiches the liquid crystal~~

~~layer therebetween; a first polarizer, which is disposed as an additional polarizer on the transmission type liquid crystal display panel so as to face the backlight source; and a second polarizer, which is disposed as the at least one polarizer on the transmission type liquid crystal display panel so as to face the light diffusing element, wherein an absorption axis of the second polarizer is substantially aligned with that of the polarizing element.~~ a rear polarizer included in the at least one polarizer, said rear polarizer being located on a rear side of the liquid crystal layer.

3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

a first $\lambda/4$ retarder disposed between the front ~~second~~ polarizer and the light diffusing element; and

a second $\lambda/4$ retarder disposed between the light diffusing element and the polarizing element,

wherein a slower axis of the first $\lambda/4$ retarder forms an angle of about 45 degrees with an absorption axis or transmission axis of the front ~~second~~ polarizer, and

wherein a slower axis of the second $\lambda/4$ retarder forms an angle of about 90 degrees with that of the first $\lambda/4$ retarder.

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 2, wherein at least one of the front and rear ~~first and second~~ polarizers is integrated with an associated one of the transparent substrates.

5. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the display element comprises[[:]] a guest host type liquid crystal display panel. ~~panel; and the at least one polarizer disposed in front of a light outgoing plane of the guest host type liquid crystal display panel.~~

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 5, wherein at least one of the polarizers is integrated with a transparent substrate of the guest host type liquid crystal display panel, the transparent substrate being located closer to the light outgoing plane.

7. (Original) A transmission type display device comprising:
a backlight source;
a display element, which is disposed in front of the backlight source and outputs polarized light;
a light diffusing element, which is disposed in front of the display element; and
a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the light diffusing element,
wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing element is defined so that substantially all of the polarized light that has been output from the display element is transmitted through the polarizing element.

8. (Currently amended) The display device of claim 7, wherein the display element
is ~~A transmission type display device comprising: a backlight source for emitting~~
~~polarized light; a guest host type liquid crystal display element, which is disposed in front~~
~~of the backlight source; and a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the guest~~
~~host type liquid crystal display element, wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing~~
~~element is defined so that substantially all of the polarized light is transmitted through the~~
~~polarizing element.~~

9. (Currently amended) An electronic apparatus comprising a transmission type
display device, wherein the display device comprises ~~includes:~~

a backlight source;

a display element~~[[,]]~~ including a liquid crystal layer and ~~which is disposed in~~
~~front of the backlight source and includes~~ at least one polarizer including a front
polarizer;

a light diffusing element, which is disposed in front of the display element; and
a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the light diffusing element,
~~wherein the polarizer included in the display element faces the light diffusing~~
~~element, and~~

wherein the light diffusing element is located between the front polarizer and the
polarizing element all of which are located in front of the liquid crystal layer; and

wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing element is substantially aligned with
[[that]] an absorption axis of the front polarizer.

10. (Original) An electronic apparatus comprising a transmission type display device, wherein the display device includes:

- a backlight source;
- a display element, which is disposed in front of the backlight source and outputs polarized light;
- a light diffusing element, which is disposed in front of the display element; and
- a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the light diffusing element,

wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing element is defined so that substantially all of the polarized light that has been output from the display element is transmitted through the polarizing element.

11. (Currently amended) The display device of claim 10, wherein the display element is ~~An electronic apparatus comprising a transmission type display device,~~
~~wherein the display device includes: a backlight source for emitting polarized light; a~~
~~guest host type liquid crystal display element, which is disposed in front of the backlight~~
~~source; and a polarizing element, which is disposed in front of the guest host type liquid~~
~~crystal display element, wherein an absorption axis of the polarizing element is defined~~

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so that substantially all of the polarized light is transmitted through the polarizing element.